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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

8 SUDHEER RAO MOTURI,

9 Petitioner,

10 v.

11 ICE FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR,

12 Respondent.

CASE NO. C19-2023-RSM-BAT

**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO  
APPOINT COUNSEL**

13 Sudheer Moturi moves for the appointment of counsel. The Court may appoint counsel  
14 to financially eligible habeas petitioners when the interests of justice so require. 18 U.S.C. §  
15 3006(a)(2)(B). Having reviewed the record, the Court concludes that the interests of justice do  
16 not require the appointment of counsel in this case. Mr. Moturi's motion, Dkt. 10, is DENIED.

17 The Court directs the Clerk to RE-NOTE the Government's motion to dismiss, Dkt. 9, for  
18 March 27, 2020. Mr. Moturi must file any opposition brief by **March 23, 2020**. The  
19 Government may file a reply by the noting date. The Clerk is directed to send copies of this  
20 order to the parties.

21 DATED this 3rd day of March, 2020.

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23 BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA  
Chief United States Magistrate Judge